eligible certificates, 63 failed in History only. The standard of proficiency was low as compared with the previous years and may be said to be below the mark.

(*d*) Of those who failed to secure eligible certificates, 496 failed in Vernacular Composition and Translation and 73 failed in Vernacular Translation only.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): With reference to part (*c*) of the answer, may I know whether the Government have investigated the cause of the low percentage of success in history and allied subjects?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): With reference to part (*b*), may I know if they investigated the cause of the failure in Translation and Composition?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No enquiry was made.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Will the Government be good enough to investigate the causes of the large failures in these two branches?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Registry of Lands to members of the Cheramar Community.

135 **MR. S. GNANA JOSHUA** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the total area of *puduval* and *poramboke* lands registered in the names of members of the Cheramar community in the Ambalapuzha taluk?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No lands have been registered in the names of members of the Cheramar community in the Ambalapuzha taluk, as no applications were received from members of the community.

Work of the present Chief Engineer.

136 **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of days in which the Chief Engineer has been in camp in 1098, 1099, and 1100;

(*b*) the number of days he camped in the Chirayinkil taluk in 1098, 1099 and 1100;

(*c*) the distance travelled by him on horse-back, or on foot or on bicycle in 1098, 1099 and 1100; and

(*d*) the name of the gentlemen who held the office of the Chief Engineer in 1090 and 1095?

(2) Is it not a fact that Messrs. Bastow and Jacob used to be in camp a larger number of days than the present Chief Engineer, Mr. Natesa Aiyar?

(3) Has not the number of letters despatched from the Chief Engineer's Office decreased since the appointment of Mr. Natesa Aiyar,

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as the Chief Engineer and of Mr. Balakrishna Row as the Office Assistant?

(4) If the answer is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state the reason?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(1) (*a*) 1098 ... 66 days.
1099 ... 95 days.
1100 ... 91 days to the end of Mithunam.

(*b*) 1098 Four days' halt, and 12 days' inspection of works in the Chirayinkil taluk without halt.
1099 A day's halt and 20 days' inspection without halt.
1100 A day's halt and 15 days' inspection without halt to the end of Mithunam.

(*c*)	*On horse-back.*	*On foot.*	*On bicycle.*
1098	*Nil.*	38 miles	*Nil.*
1099	*Nil.*	30 miles	*Nil.*
1100 to the end of Mithunam	28 miles	33 miles	*Nil.*

(*d*) 1090—Messrs. F. J. Jacob and A. H. Bastow.
1095—Messrs. O. S. Barrow and F. J. Jacob.

(2) No.

(3) No.

(4) This does not call for any reply in view of the answer to part (3).

Number of Schoolmasters and Schoolmistresses in Primary Schools.

137. **MR. C. P. TARAKAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of schoolmasters and schoolmistresses in all the Primary Schools of the State, both Government and grant-in-aid?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The statement* asked for by the member relating to departmental schools is laid on the table.

The statement relating to aided schools is not available at present.

Registry or lease of the Karakkattu Reserve.

138. **MR. C. P. TARAKAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to register the Karakkattu Reserve in Manjapara *pakuthi* or sanction the cultivation of the same on *Kuthakapattam* tenure, as the reserve does not contain any substantial tree growth?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): The area of the reserve is 915 acres. It was finally notified under Section 18 of the Forest Regulation on the 16th Makaram 1099. It is

* *Vide* appendix—I page 880.

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